Low German

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1 Language Information

• Source: Matras and Reershemius (1994)

• Glottlog: http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/lowg1239

• ISO-identifier: nds

• Speakers:

• Location: Germany

Geneology: Indo-European > Germanic > Northwest Germanic > West Germanic > North Sea Germanic > Altsächsisch > Middle-Modern Low German > Low German

2 Nominal Morphology

The nouns in Low German have two numbers - singular and plural.

3 Verbal Morphology

The verb has suffixes for singular and plural.

4 Conjunction

The coordinating conjunctions in Low German are un 'and', and man 'but'.

(1) Un hiir dau kuamn däi anən ja weer un wuln däi kaat and here then came.PL the others PCTL back and wanted.PL the cat åfhååln.

pick.up.INF

'And all of a sudden the others came back and wanted to pick up the cat.' [Matras and Reershemius, 1994, p. 55]

- (2) Däi håln gəwaltich tauzåmn, däi lüü. Man wän dåår äin uut wil... DEIC keep.PL powerfully together DEIC people but of there one out wants 'They keep strictly together, those people. But if one of them want to leave ...' [Matras and Reershemius, 1994, p. 56]
- (3) Zäi zünt näit scheächt, näi, zäo zünt näit, dat zäi irgəntwii... Åbə däi they are.Pl not bad no they are.Pl not that they somehow but the kinə zünt rotsfräch!. children are.Pl naughty

'They are not bad, right, they are not, that they somehow... But the children are very ill-behaved!' [Matras and Reershemius, 1994, p. 56]

5 Disjunction

Disjunction is marked through of/ouda 'or'.

6 Prepositions

No information given.

References

Matras, Yaron and Gertrud Reershemius (1994). Low German (East Frisian dialect). München: Lincom Europa.